

R7 Senior Staff | Division/Office Priority Tracker

*Items highlighted in grey signify additions/updates to this document

PRIORITY PROJECTS	Status	Progress to Date	Upcoming Milestones
LCRD Strategic Planning, Developing Strong Leadership Connections & Human Capital Investment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> At Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-Hands Breakfast • Bi-weekly Individual Manager Meetings • Weekly Manager Meetings • Programmatic Briefings with Managers and Staff • Implemented E-Concurrence Process • Established Events Calendar • Leadership Retreat • Biweekly emails from the Director • Held first Bi-Monthly "Snacks with Singletary" on March 5th • Outlined Divisional Priority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing Review of Divisional Priority Functions and Critical Work • LCRD Branches are developing draft FY-21 operating plans due 9/30

		<p>Functions and Critical Work Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held Divisional All Hands Meeting on March 27th • Division and Branches set up to operate daily functions in Microsoft Teams including huddles • All-Hands Meeting Held on May 7th • Updated Divisional Communication Strategy for post-COVID-19 implementation • Virtual “Snacks with Singletary” pilot began July 30th • LCRD “Happy Hour” Celebration pilot begins August 6th 	
LCRD Resource Utilization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> At Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Pending Hires • No Pending Retirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with OHR/SSC on Reorg proposal. Due to staffing, both organizations are recommending tea

	<input type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicole Moran began her detail to the immediate office to serve as Senior Management Program Analyst • New Hire – Rebecca Dorward (NOW SEE) for work on Tribal Waste Management Program • Briefed RA and DRA on the LCRD Reorg Proposal • Provided Reorg HR materials to MSD • All of the summer interns began working • Whitney Bynum and Liz Blackburn have permanently relocated to SEMD • Nicole Moran has accepted the Water Section Chief position in 	
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		<p>ECAD and will start August 16th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alyssa Beuttner's (BSPR summer intern) last day was 7/31/20 • LCRD has 2 staff members on detail to SEMD and 1 staff member on detail to WD • LCRD Spending Plan for Grants and Contracts on track for FY20 • Matthew Kirk and Kalli Johnson (ROAG interns) last day was 8/14/20 	
ELMs Deployment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> At Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An implementation strategy has been prepared • Re-established the UST SPA Flow Board as a dual Performance Board • Re-established huddling at the RCRA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UST Re-Spa Flow Board is currently being converted to a virtual format • Land Revitalization Status board currently being designed/converted to a virtual format • Beginning an A3 Problem Solving exercise to improve Brownfields site assessment contract task c

		<p>Performance Board and Flow Boards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established LCRD Performance Board • Established 5 new flow boards in BSPR and began huddling • Held first successful LCRD virtual huddle and management meeting • QAPP A3 Flow Board is developed and operational • Added new flow boards and standardized pre-existing flow boards • Converted LCRD Performance and Divisional Flow Boards that were active prior to the COOP to electronic versions 	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed Virtual Performance Boards for all LCRD Branches • Held Gemba Walk for Divisional Virtual Boards • 81% of LCRD is currently ELMS deployed • Created the FIFRA Grants Flow Board in Planner • Last ROAG Flow Board has been converted to a virtual board 	
Recycling and Food Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> At Risk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documenting project proposals • evaluating budget and staff resource requirements • Provided RA Briefing recommending projects • 2019 Food Challenge Award winners have been announced • Submitted R7 Planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant amendment approved for Food Recovery Summits planned for St. Louis and Quad Cities; h • Planning a series of local, virtual and small sessions for fall Market Development event. • Coordinating with KDHE and EFC on the Hub and Spoke Recycling Project • Planning for KC Chiefs and Green Sports Alliance Symposium currently in development. The even • EPA Headquarters has received 114 applications for the anaerobic digestion (AD) grant. Total est <p>passed the threshold review:</p> <div> <p>Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) (and nonresponsive)</p> </div> <p>The</p> <p>A grant selection recommend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Foods, Local Places (LFLP) Workshop in York, Nebraska was a virtual success. The workshop • Commerce. Representatives from McClain Beef, York County, York Housing, York City Market, Yo • expansion of the local farmer's market and promoting access to local food. Increasing community • was assigned to a stakeholder on a timeline. There will be follow-up calls to ensure York, Nebrask

		<p>Strategy for SMM to HQ for FY21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transitioned the Local Food, Local Places program to Penny Harrell. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second LFLP Workshop was awarded to Mattie Rhode's Northeast Alliance Together (NEAT), October 20 and 21. The project is working to build a food system supporting refugees using food "https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fnortheastnews.net%2Fpa-grant%2F&data=02%7C01%7CSmith.John%40epa.gov%7C4a68e28a98e2442f3fc808d84f671e2b5d=0"]
Land Revitalization - Opportunity Zone Community Outreach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> At Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with the 15 targeted communities Working with OCR on St. Louis TA York, NE is receiving Local Foods Local Place technical assistance funding from OCR RA and DRA Briefing on Opportunity Zones OCR is going to fund technical assistance for the Tenneco Site located in Cozad, NE Continued assistance for the rural community of Paxico, KS Working with GIS to identify 	

		<p>additional rural communities with opportunity zones for outreach purposes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPA, States and KS State TAB came together at the Brownfields 4-State Mtg to create a plan to implement innovative ways to reach out to specific communities that have communicated that they lack resources and technology.• The grand opening of the Xstream Arena and GreenState Family Fieldhouse is the culmination of 20 years of cooperative redevelopment planning, testing and remediation involving the	
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		EPA Region 7, IDNR, consultants, and the City of Coralville. On September 17, 2020 there will be a ribbon cutting and open house.	
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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) (and nonresponsive)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS new regulations became effective on July 6th • NE Re-SPA package is on track and expected to be finalized to meet the August timeframe • 	
Regional Pb Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Springfield • St. Joseph 	<input type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> At Risk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established teams for Springfield Geographic Initiative • Finalizing Geographic Initiative Strategy • Continue outreach activities in St Joseph as required • Continue monthly coordination calls with the Green County Health Department • Assisted Katie Howard with FY20 Regional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating information gained and deciding path forward as a result of the March 4 meetings • Continuing to plan and coordinate activities in R7 with EJ and OPA • Coordination ongoing with HUD and NAACP for upcoming outreach event • Working with EFC for Task Order for various workshops for the Springfield Lead Strategy • Identifying new partners for the Springfield Lead Initiative - The One Stop for Early Childhood, Sp • RRP Training Courses were conducted Aug. 25, 26, and 27. There was also an in-person class held

		<p>Lead Strategy Document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilo attended several meetings with Community Organizations and Green County Health Dept on March 4 	
<p>Pesticides Recert for C&T -</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> At Risk</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Delayed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing Technical Assistance & Outreach to states • Participated in MDA meeting – Dec 5 • All R7 States submitted draft plans by the March 4, 2020 deadline • The Completeness Review for all R7 States draft plans have been completed <p>States are addressing their pesticides training and certification issues caused by COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS-expanded approval to 	<p>Program working with HQ on initiating a more thorough substantive review of draft C&T plans.</p> <div> <p>Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) (and nonresponsive)</p> </div>

		<p>operate if hold valid cert from another state</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MO-granted an extension for those needing to recertify for a limited period of time • IA-extended the certification period for applicators with expiring certification until December 2020 • NE-extended the certification period for applicators requiring renewal for 1 year 	
Grant Funding Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAG • Competitive Grants • Trust Fund (LUST/UST) 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> At Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brownfields ARC Grant Application Reviews Completed • Final Brownfield Grant selections were shared with regional staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FY20-21 Source Reduction Assistance (SRA) RFA closed on May 20th. Region 7 received five applications (contingent upon Federal Fiscal Appropriations). Announcements to recipients have been made and announcements during P2 Week in September, coinciding with the 30th anniversary of the P2 Act. • The FY21 EWDJT RFA was [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/fy-2021-environmental-justice-webinar"] • P2 Grantee press releases issued the weeks of September 21 & 28. • Safer Choice Award Winner press release on September 17.

		<p>and OPA on April 29th and the press conference was held on May 6th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Met with MDNR, KDHE and NDEE to discuss RCRA STAG recalculations.• The State P2 Grant RFA closed in April, four applications (one from each state) have been reviewed and a panel was held on May 28th. R7 plans to submit all four applications to HQ for full funding. There is \$446K available in R7 , a request will be submitted to HQ for additional STAG funds to cover the remaining balance of	
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		<p>\$25k (\$471K total).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The announcement for the RLF supplemental funding was announced on June 10th. 	
UPCOMING ITEMS (projects, grants, events, staffing)	ELMS FINDINGS	OTHER ITEMS for RA/DRA awareness	
<p>October 5-13 – DeAndre on Leave</p> <p>October 6 – 5th Annual Green Sports Day</p> <p>October 13-14 – 2020 Green Sports Alliance Virtual Summit</p> <p>October 8 – OCSP/PCRD RDD Call</p> <p>October 19-21 Fall PCRD DD Meeting (Virtual)</p> <p>October 21 – Virtual Lean Exchange</p> <p>October 28 - RCRA DD Call</p> <p>October 28 – Brownfields MAC Grant Solicitation Deadline</p>	<p>All regional PCRD performance measures will be green for the August MBR.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pesticides staff continue to receive tips and complaints from States and the public about potential issues. Coordinators are leading the efforts in tracking and coordinating with State counterparts, aiding in the process. OPPT issued a policy statement addressing the RRP Training Provider Certification COVID-19 delay. <div>Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) (and nonresponsive)</div> Due to Dicamba Court Decision, all Region 7 States have sent letters to EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler regarding regulatory concerns. EPA issued its cancellation order on June 8th which outlined timing and provisions for the transition. Bannister Transformation and Development (BTD) will soon be announcing the business that will be operating after the sale closes on the first phase of the project, now projected to be either Oct 21st, 22nd or 23rd. EPA June 17 released a proposed rule under TSCA to strengthen its dust-lead clearance levels following the release of lead in residential settings -- even as environmentalists are challenging EPA for failing to lower the levels. Working with Haskell University as a potential recipient for the Pesticide Circuit Writer program. <div>Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) (and nonresponsive)</div> <div>Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) (and nonresponsive)</div> Facility in Nebraska (AltEn) has been processing treated seed corn into ethanol, resulting in wet corn steep liquor (WCSL) as a soil conditioner. Program has reached out to OPP and plan to reach out to NDEE. Unclear if they will initiate a more in-depth discussion and continue to work with NDEE and NDA as appropriate. <div>Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) (and nonresponsive)</div> Pace Harvestors Environmental Covenant signed yesterday. This memorializes the ability of a farm to continue to operate as a farm. 	

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